

State office machine repairs
(HB 2376, by Presnal)

DIGEST: This bill would have prohibited the State Purchasing and General Services Commission from repairing any equipment with electronic data-processing or word-processing capabilities.

GOVERNOR'S
REASONS
FOR VETO:

This bill limiting the types of office machines the State Purchasing and General Commission can repair is not in the best interest of the state. This type of equipment is the wave of the future in office equipment and is being acquired at a rapid pace by state agencies.

SPONSOR'S
VIEW:

Rep. Presnal said that the Governor misunderstood the legislation. Presnal said that under current law the State Purchasing and General Services Commission has a mandate to repair all office machines, including data-processing and word-processing equipment. These new machines are not "standardized" and the State Purchasing and General Services Commission may not be capable of repairing these machines. It makes more sense at this point, he said, to have experts familiar with these various machines work on them; it would be more economical than training state employees to repair machines that have not been standardized.

Llano County auditor
(HB 2393, by B. Barton)

DIGEST: The bill would have permitted Llano County to hold an election to abolish the office of county auditor. If the voters abolished the position, the county commissioners, with the approval of the local district judge or judges, would have been required to hire a private accounting firm to audit the county's books. The bill would have allowed county commissioners to call an election to reinstate the office of county auditor.